

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace the first full paragraph on page 4 (the paragraph under the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings") with the following amended paragraphs:**

~~The~~Figure 1 is a perspective view of one embodiment of a treadmill of the present invention with portions broken away to show detail.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of another embodiment of a treadmill of the present invention with portions broken away to show detail.

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 8-9 with the following amended paragraph:**

Referring now to ~~the~~ Figure 1, a treadmill of the present invention is indicated in its entirety by the reference numeral 20. The treadmill includes a base 22, a forward roller 24, a rear roller 26, an endless belt 28 having a width suitable to accommodate two treadmill users, and a support deck (not shown). The support deck is supported by the base 22 in a generally horizontal position, unless inclination is provided whereby the base and support deck deviate from the horizontal position. The forward and rear rollers 24, 26 are journaled in the base 22 for rotation about parallel forward and rear axes. The forward roller 24 is spaced slightly forward of the support deck and the rear roller 26 is spaced slightly rearward of the support deck. The endless belt 28 surrounds the support deck and is entrained around the rollers 24, 26. An upper reach of the belt 28 extends between the rollers 24, 26 and over the support deck. The upper reach is the surface upon which the users walk or run. The forward roller 24 is rotated by a suitable motor (not

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shown) preferably positioned forward of the forward roller to rotate the belt in a manner to cause the upper reach to move rearwardly. The motor is preferably covered by a motor shroud 32 positioned forward of the forward roller.

**Please replace the full paragraph on page 10 with the following amended paragraph:**

The treadmill 20 further includes a handle bar 46 having a central upper portion 58 and first (left) and second (right) side portions 50, 52. The upper portion 58 of the handle bar 46 is attached to the support plate 42 via a suitable threaded fastener (not shown). Thus, the upper portion 58 of the handle bar 46 is positioned generally adjacent to the upper end margin 40 of the post 34. The side portions 50, 52 of the handle bar 46 extend from the upper portion 58 to the base 22 and have lower ends connected to the base on opposite sides of the upper reach of the endless belt 28 and generally between the forward and rear rollers 24, 26 (i.e., forward of the rear roller and rearward of the forward roller). Preferably, the upper portion 58 and at least part of the side portions 50, 52 include a resilient polymeric material as a hand grip. The handle bar 46 optionally includes a middle portion 54.

**Please insert the following paragraph before the last paragraph on page 11:**

Another embodiment of the present invention is shown in Figure 2, in which the treadmill 20 includes a base 22, a pair of forward rollers 241 and 242, a pair of rear rollers 261 and 262, a pair of endless belts 281 and 282 each having a width suitable to accommodate a treadmill user, and a support deck (not shown).